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Dear Mr. O'Toole:

This letter represents a final update with regards to your May 21, 1993 request for a CERCLA response at the five sites associated with HBSA Industries, Inc.

As stated in a July 19, 1993 letter sent to you, EPA was requested by the NYSDEC attorney to delay the removal assessment of these sites due to the ongoing negotiations for pending sales. As you are aware, EPA recently completed a removal action at the fifth property, Chase Interiors Site, located in Falconer.

Based on information obtained from the attorneys for the NYSDEC and the creditor (Fleet Bank), and representatives from the creditors themselves, negotiations had been ongoing over the past year between the primary creditor and potential buyers for four of the properties. A brief summary follows for each of the other four properties.

At the Visu-Craft facility, located in Jamestown, the plating line was reportedly purchased by a former tenant and remaining product inventory was sold to a current tenant operating a powdered paint line. The building was sold by the bankruptcy trustee and occupied in May, 1994. The trustee paid for the cleanup and was reimbursed by Fleet Bank. At the Visu-Wall facility, located in Ellicott, Fleet Bank sold their mortgage interest of the property. Sometime in January, 1994, all containers of material in the building were disposed of through a contract funded by Fleet Bank. The Poland facility, located in Levant, was sold to Kennedy Tractor, an equipment dealership, in September, 1993. It was reported that there was no waste material at this facility. The Seneca Craftsmen facility, located in Salamanca, was expected to be sold in July, 1994. It is currently occupied by Highland Plastics, a firm involved in injection molding.

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Based on this information, EPA does not anticipate any further involvement with these sites. Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 264-8672 or Richard Salkie at (908) 321-6658.

Sincerely yours,

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